

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 63
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A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 31A in
Marshall County in honor of David Blackwell.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than David Blackwell of Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, David Blackwell is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity whose astute involvement in politics has always been for the express purpose of helping his fellow citizens of Lewisburg and Marshall County to lead happier and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, he has also served his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in numerous other capacities and he has selflessly devoted his time and energies to making Marshall County a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, well liked and highly regarded in his community, Mr. Blackwell has become renowned among his friends, neighbors and indeed all Tennesseans as the genial host of an annual fish fry held at Henry Horton State Park; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to provide for a lasting tribute to David Blackwell and his life of purpose and commitment to others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning Big Rock Creek on U.S. Highway 31A (Ellington Parkway) in Marshall County is hereby designated as the "David Blackwell Bridge" to honor one of the most dedicated and public-spirited citizens the Volunteer State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the requirements of the preceding resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if the City of Lewisburg, Tennessee, remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. The City of Lewisburg shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the City of Lewisburg within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the City of Lewisburg shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.